

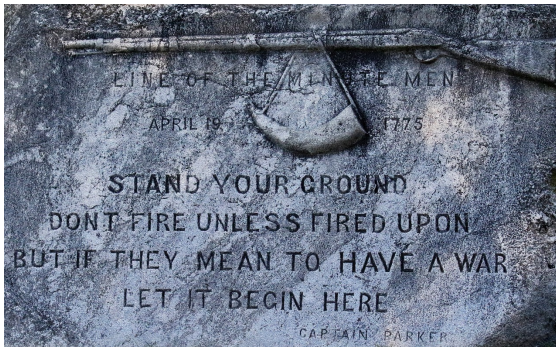
American Revolution Biography about Samuel Hadley

Name: Samuel Hadley

Birth: July 9th 1746

Died: April 19th, 1775 in the Battle of Lexington Age on 4/19/1775: 29 Years

(He was of the number who died for freedom on the morning of the Revolution, and whose memory is embalmed in the hearts of countrymen. After his death his widow married again) -Hudson's-



Parents: Thomas Hadley and Ruth Lawrence.

Benjamin was born on August 11, 1712.

Ruth Lawrence was born in 1725 in Lexington, MA.

Benjamin and Ruth had twelve children: Elizabeth, Thomas (who became a Corporal in Captain Wood's 5th Company), Samuel (who died at the Battle of Lexington April 19, 1775), Ruth (died young), Ebenezer (who was a Sergeant in Captain Parker's Company and also at the Battle of Lexington), Thomas, Benjamin (who became a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War), Ruth, Simon, Sarah, Mary and John. Four of their six sons were soldiers in the American Revolution.

They were Farmers and Pioneers.

Grandparents: Benjamin Hadley and Mehitable Applin Benjamin was born in 1684 or 1685 in Chelmsford or Lancaster, MA and died March 24, 1776.

Mehitable was from Watertown, MA born April 7, 1688 and died on April 13, 1746. They married September 17, 1711 and lived in Groton, MA. At the end of his life Benjamin lived with his children in Brattleboro, VT. They had 5 sons and six daughters: Thomas, Sarah, Benjamin, Mehitable, John, Phebe, Simon, Hanah, Ebenezer and Ann.

Here is a passage from the manuscript describing the service of Benjamin Hadley's family to our nation: "Benjamin Hadley and his descendants were loyal to the Revolution. There are records of his sons doing civilian duty and he had no less than nine grandsons who served in the Revolutionary War. His grandson Samuel Hadley was one of the Company under Captain Parker who faced the British on Lexington Common early in the morning of April 19, 1775, and he was killed a short distance from the common. His name is inscribed on the monument there. Another grandson, Jonathan Hadley, was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill the following June."

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Samuel married Betty Jones (re-married after his death)

Children: Lucy, bap. April 22, 1772,
Betty, bap. May 24, 1772, Samuel
bap. May 8, 1774

Occupation: Farmer

Military Service: Private in Captain
Parker's Company in Lexington

Brief Charter Essay:

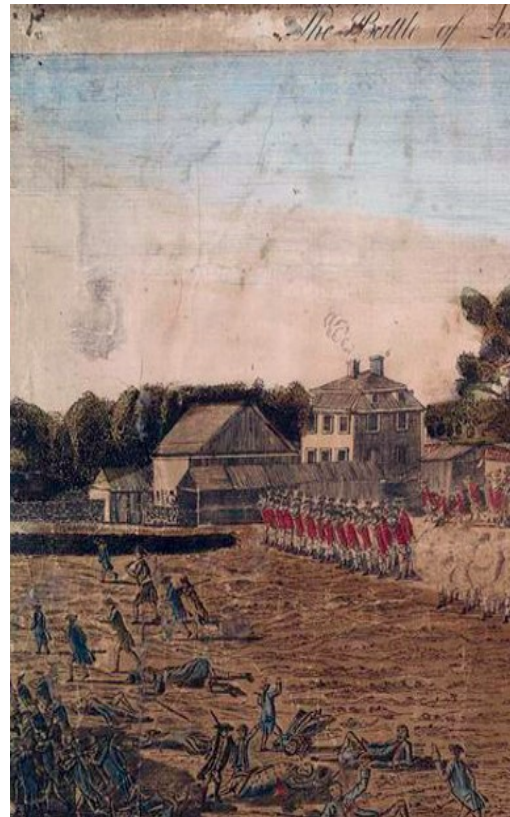
The Hadley's were farmers and pioneers and well regarded in their communities. The family prospered and spread out throughout MA and VT over several generations. They were farmers who raised livestock for wool and crops like flax which they wove into fabric. They were active members in community life and were prominent in local religious activities and also served in a variety of Military groups.

In Samuel's immediate family four members served in the Revolutionary War and his younger brother Ebenezer died at the Battle of Bunker Hill. They were His brothers Ben and Tom enlisted in the service one month their older brother Samuel was killed at the Battle of Lexington.

Regards, Rich

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On the morning of April 19th as the militia gathered on the green, Captain Parker said "Every man of you who is equipped, follow me; and those of you who are not equipped, go into the meeting-house and furnish yourselves from the magazine, and immediately join the company." (Based on the deposition of Sylvanus Wood)



On April 19th Capt. Parker had some seventy men on or near the common, this number constituted one tenth of Lexington's entire population and half the adult male population. There were some minutemen from other towns who just happen to be there, some had old hunting muskets, some had to go to the meetinghouse to get one belonging to the town of Lexington.

Sources; His. of Lex, Hudson, Battle of April 19, 1775,
Coburn, Lex & Concord, Tourtellot.
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In April of 1775, the New England weather was typically volatile. The 18th of April was wet through the day, followed by rapid clearing at night.

Winds were variable, veering from the

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northeast to the south. The Reverend Jonas Clarke of Lexington noted the day's weather consisted of "a fine rain a.m., fair towards night."³⁴ In the evening and night of April 18, Paul Revere recalled, in a letter to Jeremy Belnap, that the night was very pleasant. Yet, he also noted that he wore a surcoat.³⁵ There Lexington company of Militia were watching the regulars advance towards them, Mr. Winthrop noted the temperature was 46 degrees, the barometer 29.56 inches and rising, the sky fair and winds from the west.⁴¹